(b) if so, how many drivers have been apprehended on this account during the last two years;

(c) what is the number of complaints received by Government about the under weighed gas cylinders during the above period; and

(d) what are the details of action taken by Government to ensure that gas cylinders are not under weighed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) During the past 2 years five such cases have come to notice. In all cases the crew members have been apprehended.

(c) During the period April, 1988 to December, 1988, about 121 complaints were received regarding under-weight cylinders;

(d) All LPG-filled cylinders are checked for correct weight and also cross-checked at the bottling plants before despatch to distributors. LPG distributors are also under strict instructions to ensure correct weight of LPG cylinders before making delivery to the customers.

Benefits to the workers in the Oil Refineries

1937. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers working in oil refineries of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any bonus has been paid to these workers; if so, what is the amount of bonus paid so far during this period and number of days for which it has been paid; and

(c) what are the details of other benefits enjoyed by the workers under welfare programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of workers (non-supervisory personnel) in the Refinery sector of the country during the last three years in given below:

Year	No. of workmen
1986	18803
1987	19161
1988	19307

(b) With the exception of Bongaigaon Refineries & Petrochemicals Ltd., which paid bonus of Rs. 18.28 lakhs @ 8.33% for the accounting year 1987-88 no oil refinery in the country has paid bonus to its workers during the last three years.

(c) The benefits include (i) canteen facility, (ii) medical benefits, (iii) LTC, (iv) House building advance and (v) Provident fund, etc.

Payment of Commission in ONGC Pipeline Deal

1938. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written to M/s. Sumitomo Corporation of Japan to explain reasons for payment of commission to Indians in the ONGC pipeline deal;

(b) whether the request has also been made with regard to Tanker Deal by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL); and

(c) if so, what are the results of the enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Necessary enquiries were